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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 26, 2004 have been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08A and 08B forms).

Claim Objections

2. **Claim 20** is objected to because of the following informalities: needs comma (,) after “claim 1”. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 1-22** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harris et al. (US Patent Number (6,009,336).

Regarding **claim 1**, Harris et al. discloses a display system comprising:

a platform (400, 104, 108 – Figures 12 and 4);

a display (184, 110) pivotally attached to said platform and being operable between a first position and at least a second position (Figures 12, 13, 2, and 4); and

at least one sensor (512, 514, 604, 606 – Figures 5 and 6; column 7, lines 41-53);

wherein an output of said sensor correlates to said position of said display (column 8, lines 46-55; column 9, lines 17-35; column 11, line 39 to column 12, line 4). In general, see column 2, lines 55-65 and column 6, line 50 to column 12, line 37.

Regarding **claim 2**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said sensor outputs a signal that is used to identify a direction of display pivot (for example: “ninety degree orientation” – column 8, lines 46-55; column 9, lines 17-35; column 11, line 39 to column 12, line 4).

Regarding **claim 3**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said sensor outputs a signal that is used to identify an amount of display pivot (for example: “ninety degree orientation” – column 8, lines 46-55; column 9, lines 17-35; column 11, line 39 to column 12, line 4).

Regarding **claim 4**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said sensor comprises at least one of an electrical contact and a photon based sensor (for example: electrical contacts 512, 514, 604, 606 – Figures 5 and 6; column 7, lines 41-53).

Regarding **claim 5**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses a display support (FIGURE 5) that pivotally attaches said display to said platform (column 7, lines 41-53).

Regarding **claim 6**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 5*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said display support comprises:

- at least one support member (502) rigidly attached to said display; and
- at least one pivot member (402) rigidly attached to said at least one support member and pivotally attached to said platform (see Figures 5-6; column 7, lines 41-67).

Regarding **claim 7**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 6*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses a structural member having at least one protrusion (520)

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and said at least one pivot member comprising a channel (“circular path”) approximately located on a circumference of said pivot member (see Figure 6), said channel disposed to receive said at least one protrusion (column 7, line 23-67).

Regarding **claim 8**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 5*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said display support comprises:

at least one support member (402) attached to said platform; and

at least one pivot member (506, 504, or 502; singularly or in combination) rigidly attached to said at least one support member and pivotally attached to said display (see Figures 5-6; column 7, lines 41-67).

Regarding **claim 9**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 8*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses said display comprising at least one protrusion (520 or 518; singularly or in combination) and said at least one pivot member comprising a channel (“circular path”) approximately located on a circumference of said pivot member (see Figure 6), said channel disposed to receive said at least one protrusion (column 7, line 23-67).

Regarding **claim 10**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses the display being rotationally operable about an axis that is substantially perpendicular to a top surface of said display (Figures 12, 13; column 8, line 46 to column 9, line 5).

Regarding **claim 11**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 10*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said sensor measures a direction of rotation of said display (for example: “clockwise”, “counterclockwise” – column 8, line 46 to column 9, line 5; Figures 2, 12, 13).

Regarding **claim 12**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 10*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said sensor measures an amount of rotation of said display (for example: “ninety degree orientation”, “180 degree orientation”, “270 degree orientation” – column 8, line 46 to column 9, line 5; Figures 2, 12, 13).

Regarding **claim 13**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. further discloses a display lock (column 8, line 9) that prevents said display from pivoting when the display system is in a lock mode (column 8, lines 1-25).

Regarding **claim 14**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 13*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said display lock comprises at least one locking member (506/504 – Figure 5) that is operable between a retracted position wherein said locking member is not in contact with said display and an extended position wherein said locking member contacts said display, said locking member contact with said display preventing said display from pivoting (spring moves between retracted position and extended position shown in Figure 5 – column 8, lines 1-25).

Regarding **claim 15**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 13*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said display lock comprises a display retractor (518, 520, 524, 502; singularly or in combination) that retracts (column 8, line 17) said display from an extended position wherein said display is pivotal to a retracted position wherein said display contacts a rigid structure, said contact with said rigid structure preventing said display from pivoting (spring moves between retracted position and extended position shown in Figure 5 – column 8, lines 1-25).

Regarding **claim 16**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses a skirt (border or edge) (520, 518, 524; singularly or in combination), said skirt extending from a perimeter of said display to at least one of said platform and a device surface to form a barrier (column 8, lines 1-36).

Regarding **claim 17**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said display pivots from said first position to said second position upon the application of a tactile force (column 8, lines 46-55; column 9, lines 17-35; column 11, line 39 to column 12, line 4).

Regarding **claim 18**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 17*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses a plurality of tension members (springs 506 – Figure 5) disposed between said display and said platform, said tension members returning said display from said second position to said first position when said application of said tactile force ceases (column 7, lines 23-33; column 8, lines 1-45; column 9, lines 6-17).

Regarding **claim 19**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. discloses wherein said platform is in a fixed position (platform is in fixed position with respect to the communication device; it is the display what rotates – Figure 2, 4, 12-13).

Regarding **claim 20**, Harris et al. discloses everything claimed as applied above (see *claim 1*). In addition, Harris et al. further discloses a graphical user interface (GUI) (touch sensitive screen / touchscreen 186), said GUI presenting graphical information on said display and receiving at least one input correlating to which of said positions the display is disposed (column 5, lines 45-59; column 6, lines 63-67).

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Regarding **claim 21**, Harris et al. discloses a device comprising a display system, the display system comprising:

a platform (400, 104, 108 – Figures 12 and 4); and

a display (184, 110) pivotally attached to said platform and being operable between a first position and at least a second position (Figures 12, 13, 2, and 4);

wherein the device receives at least one input signal from the display system, said input signal correlating to which of said positions the display is disposed (the position indication input signal is generated via sensors 512, 514, 604, 606 – column 8, lines 46-55; column 9, lines 17-35; column 11, line 39 to column 12, line 4). In general, see column 2, lines 55-65 and column 6, line 50 to column 12, line 37.

Regarding **claim 22**, Harris et al. discloses a device comprising:

a display (184) pivotally mounted on a support structure within the device (104 – Figure 12); and

means for connecting an input (see Figures 12, 13, 2, and 4) for the device in response to a tactile force transferred to the support structure (column 8, lines 46-55; column 9, lines 17-35; column 11, line 39 to column 12, line 4). In general, see column 2, lines 55-65 and column 6, line 50 to column 12, line 37.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Eliseo Ramos-Feliciano whose telephone number is 571-272-7925. The examiner can normally be reached from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on 5-4/9 1st Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester G. Kincaid, can be reached on (571) 272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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